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Term 3 Week 6

1st September 2017

DIARY DATES

TERM 3

Week 7

Tuesday 5th Sept

- ⇒ 4/5 Touch Carnival
- ⇒ Father's Day
Community Prayer
8:50am
- ⇒ Board Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday 6th Sept

- ⇒ **Pupil Free Day**

Thursday 7th Sept

- ⇒ Little Investigators
Playgroup 9—11am

Friday 8th Sept

- ⇒ Little Ants 9-11am
- ⇒ Yr. 2/3 Mass 9:30am

Week 8

Monday 11th Sept

- ⇒ Principal's Tour
9:15-11am

Tuesday 12th Sept

- ⇒ **School Photo Day**

Wednesday 13th Sept

- ⇒ Assembly Yr.5 Choir
2:30pm

Thursday 14th Sept

- ⇒ Little Investigators
Playgroup 9-11am

Friday 15th Sep

- ⇒ Little Ants 9-11am



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ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE
CBCA BOOK WEEK 19-26 AUGUST 2017

Book



Week



2017





Tess Talks

Dear families and friends,

Being a parent isn't an easy role and I'm not sure anyone is ever 100% prepared for the job when blessed with children. Being an adult is demanding and complicated in so many ways and then when you add children to your life having to be the adult can take on a whole new meaning. All we want to do is love, nurture and grow good little people yet they often don't make it easy - some might say, that's their job! An added complication comes when you put other adults into the mix and sometimes the tension between parent, child and school can be pretty tough. I appreciate your support of the staff and our school in so many ways and I want to thank you, for the effort and energy you put into setting your child up for success at school. If at any stage you are having challenges with your child regarding school life please don't hesitate to talk with your child's teacher or myself.

I've seen the photos and heard the stories, it's official, our Book Week Parade was a wonderful gathering and celebration of literature. Thank you for working with your child on dressing up, they do love it. It was great to see a variety of costumes, some home made, some store bought and some put together at the last minute at school. The aim is to have fun and celebrate the week, and I think we achieved that.

On Friday I was at Directors Day, once a term the Director of Catholic Education South Australia calls a meeting for all Principals and it is an expectation that all 103 principals attend. With the upcoming election in 2018 the two major parties had been invited to present to us their platforms on education and in particular highlight their support of parents free choice in where they send their children to school. Jay Weatherill Premier of SA (Labour) and John Gardner, Shadow Minister for Education (Liberal) gave speeches on how important education is yet neither of them spoke too strongly about their parties financial support for your system. I'm not sure if you are aware but a child attending a Catholic school or independent school is not funded by the government to the same value as a child attending a Department of Education and Care (DECD) school. To help you understand the situation I can share one simple anomaly, our state government has recently taken over the paying of all DECD schools utilities bills but not those in Catholic or Independent schools. I encourage you to listen carefully to political debates and if you feel confident, talk with your local members.

Many families took up the opportunity to complete our survey focused on where you believe the P&F funds raised could be used. The majority identified IT resources for 2018 as being their number one priority. This sits comfortably in our schools strategic planning and has a direct benefit for our children. During this term I have been undertaking an audit of our schools IT resources, their quality and lifespan and connecting this with our teaching and learning program. Teachers are currently researching and developing plans for moving forward. We'd be naive to think we could ever get ahead of technology but by planning forward we can make sure we have the right equipment to match our curriculum and learning needs. Over the coming weeks I will talk with the P&F executive about the results of the survey and I'm sure they will community all relevant information with the wider community.

As we move into the final weeks of the school term I remind you that if you have any issues concerning your child that your first port of call at school is your child's class teacher. And if you have any questions around the policies or practices of the school, please don't hesitate to talk with me. The end of the term can get a bit frantic and sometimes a quick conversation with the right person can save a whole lot of stress. As a school based of Catholic values we are people of hope and therefore must always work from a premise of trust.

Families of children in Years 3 or 5 should have received their child's NAPLAN results this week. If your child hasn't brought this home, please talk with their class teacher. I want to take this opportunity to remind you that this national test is a minor part of your child's assessment and by no means is an indicator of their success or areas for growth at school. It can be argued that NAPLAN primarily highlights how your child performs in a test situation.

I encourage you to talk with your child's class teacher should you have any questions and remember to couple the numbers with everything else you know about your child and their learning. I also, urge you to listen critically to media accounts of how South Australia performed. I'm sure I'm not telling you anything you don't know when I say, the media typically do not represent the whole picture, they have a bias. I am pleased with our schools performance and the teachers were not surprised by any individuals results. Liz Commene our NAPLAN coordinator will write in the Newsletter in week eight to inform the community of our results.

Keep smiling,
Tess



Religious Identity And Mission

Children learn more about God by what they see adults do...not just what they say.....

As a Catholic school, those of us who work at St Anthony's are called to shout the gospel message of God's great love, forgiveness and hospitality – not just in words but with our lives. We don't always do this perfectly but are constantly re-committing ourselves to bring God's love to the children and families at St Anthony's.

All people who work in Catholic schools accept the responsibility of being the face of God to all we encounter and we have a particular task of handing on the stories and messages of our Christian faith to the children in our care. Next Wednesday all staff will be involved in a Staff Reflection Day – a day of spiritual formation which is an essential aspect of personal development that is required of every person who works in a Catholic school. During this day of reflection we will be challenged to 'see God in the ordinary' and renew our commitment as employees of Catholic Education to be more forgiving, more compassionate, more inclusive and more active in working for justice and peace in our work place and beyond.

A reminder that next Wed Sept 6th is a Pupil-Free Day

Symbols Speak

Symbols are used by people in all sorts of ways to express a deeper reality than the symbol itself. Rings exchanged at a wedding are more than bands of metal, a flower handed to us by a child is more than a piece of nature, a lit candle in memory of a loved one is more than a lump of wax and a flame! As with most faith traditions, the Catholic Church uses symbols in all sorts of ways to help us understand and experience that God is very close to us. In Religious Education lessons in the coming weeks classes will be wondering and learning about why the sacraments (*Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage and Ordination*) are important moments and events for members of the Catholic community. If you have any experiences of these (or similar) events that have been important for you and your family, you are encouraged to send in photos and memories to your child's class teacher. Children whose families come from other faith traditions are encouraged to share with us some of your symbols and rituals.

I encourage all families to click on this link and have a look (and listen) to what Pope Francis is saying about the importance of listening to people of differing faith traditions and he beautifully expresses what we have in common.

<https://thepopevideo.org/en/video/interreligious-dialogue.html>

I also encourage parents to watch this beautiful conversation between a father and a small child, as the father uses the power of symbols to give the child a hope and faith during a time of fear and confusion..

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkM-SDNoI_8

If any parents do watch either of these clips I would love to hear some feedback from you!!!

Yr 4/5 SB students recently reflected through their art on why some of the following symbols are important to Christians. It was inspiring to see the depth of their understanding.....whether our students are Catholic or not, Christian or not.....I firmly believe that helping young people to understand why things are important to people of faith will contribute to a more peaceful world... they type of world Jesus imagined!

"I think the heart is an important symbol for Christians because everyone is loved by God."

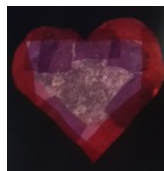
"The candle shows us that Jesus is the light and if we feel sad or lonely Jesus will be the light for us to follow."

"The candle represents that Jesus is the light and he guides us through the long, dark maze that we call life."

"The cross is to remember Jesus and his life and the stories he told. It's important to Christians because they want to do what Jesus did. It also takes them into the zone and feels like Jesus is talking to them."

"The dove is an important symbol for Christians because it represents peace and God is peaceful. God wants everybody to live in peace and harmony."

"The dove is a symbol of peace and the world feels peaceful, safe and still when you are with God. Listening, watching, waiting for him to come to you."



May all families be blessed with deep peace

Robyn Mercer

Assistant Principal Religious identity and Mission



Religious Identity And Mission (contd)



An Invitation to all
dads, step-dads,
grandfathers and
uncles and other
special men in our
families...

(mums and others welcome too!!)

to stay for 15 mins after
drop-off next Tuesday morning
8:50am Tues Sept 5th
for our

Father's Day
Community Prayer

OSHC



OSHC SHOWCASE

You are invited to

St Anthony's OSHC Showcase

When: Monday 4/9/17

Where: School Resource Room

Time: 5.15pm –6pm

Please come along to our OSHC Showcase. Come and see some of your children's OSHC activities. There will be science experiments, an OSHC video, artwork and photographs displayed from the year. The Children are excited to show you all the great activities they do at OSHC and we hope to see you there.

To celebrate we are having an OSHC fundraiser and we will be selling Spiders for \$1.50, The School Cook Book for \$15
All items are **cash only**

Hope to see you there

P&F Happenings



Hello Parents and Friends!

I hope you are well. As I write this I can see blue skies from my window, but it is also freezing!! Aaahhhh ... surely winter will be over by the time I write to you all again next fortnight???

Father's Day stall was held today, and so I say a VERY BIG thank you to all the parents who helped out on the stall. A MASSIVE thank you to Emily who organised, purchased, and sorted all the goodies for the children to buy! It is the 4th Mother's/ Father's Day stall we have been involved with and I think, after a few hiccups along the way, we have got the process down pat! However it is our last one as Presidents so we will have to handover our 'Stall Knowledge' so they continue to run smoothly next year.

The kids enjoyed their Pizza Lunch this week! Thank you again to the Fete Committee who are organising those lunches this year. The kids love it, I think the parents love it (well the parents in my house certainly do as it is one less day to make lunches!) and it is a good little fundraiser without *too* much parental effort.

I wasn't able to attend the Book Week Parade last week, but have seen photos and the kids looked FABULOUS!! I think most kids enjoy dressing up and 'parading' (even if it is just a little bit!), but it can be a hassle for parents. As some of you will know, I *love* a dress up or a themed event, but I too have battled with my children about Book Week costumes – I am not keen to spend money on costumes they will wear once (or not all as has been the case in the past, when they have refused to wear the newly purchased item on the day - grrrr!!), and I like to stick to the particular theme of the Book Week event, but my kids just want to come as a Darth Vader or Ironman!!

As parents of young children, also working inside or outside of the home and with other sporting/ family/ community commitments we frequently feel 'full up' and an extra 'event' in the week (like Book Week Parade) can tip us over the edge. I've done a few Book Week Parades now, and if I can share my 'Children Dress Up Wisdom' to my Everyday Self who is just trying to keep her head above the water, I'd say let's take a step back, take a big breath and reflect on what it is really all about, and hopefully we can think of ways to manage any stress that we feel about costumes: see what we already have around the house, ask other parents about costumes/ items they own, try to encourage the kids to 'get back to basics' and reuse/ upcycle etc. Hopefully in years to come we will look back at the photos and laugh at the costumes etc and we will have forgotten about the rage your child had because they didn't have the right coloured Light Sabre!!!

I promise this is the last time I will mention this, but if you have a People's Choice Lottery book hanging around your house, please, *please*, PLEASE return it today (or Monday if you have already left school!). We are getting down to the wire, and if we don't get the books in next week (or complete forms for those books that have been lost) we will be in trouble, and may risk the tickets we have sold not being in the draw. That would be a *disaster*, so please help us to avoid that.

Keep 'Sticking Together' for Woolworths Earn and Learn. There are still another couple of weeks to collect stickers so please continue collecting them. I have heard of some parents 'stalking' other shoppers at the checkout to ask them for their stickers (!!!). I admire your bravado, but for those of you who are not keen to do that, please just ask friends and family for their stickers!!! We have extra sticker sheets available so if you just want to drop the stickers in 'unstuck', bring them into school and my kids are happy to stick them on (in fact, they compete to stick the most!!).

Another thank you to everyone who has/ is contributing to all things Fete! We are such a little school, but we are an amazing community and that is evident when we come together to produce the best Fete in the district. See you around the playground!

Letitia, Emily, Jennie and Jenny
P&F Executive.

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Sports News



Congratulations to Fletcher with some outstanding results in his recent Golf Tournaments.

Fletcher competed in the Whyalla Jnr Open on Saturday 19th August receiving an equal 1st over 9 holes and overall closest to the pin.

He then competed in the Pt Augusta Jnr Open on Sunday 20th August receiving 1st over 9 holes.

A fantastic effort! We wish Fletcher all the best in the upcoming State Golf Trials on 31st of August.



Whyalla Jnr Open



Pt Augusta Jnr Open

Road Safety

SAPOL have sent us some road safety reminders and we will providing you with their safety tips in each newsletter for the rest of the year.

Sgt John and Humphrey say – Road Safety around Schools Begins with You



To provide the best protection for children travelling in cars, it is important to use the right restraint. Children should only move up to the next type of restraint if they have outgrown their current one. For children 4 to 7 years, look for a seat which is tall and preferably has an adjustable head rest. An adult seatbelt won't generally fit a child properly until they are at least 145cm tall. Children should remain in a booster seat until they can wear a seatbelt safely.

- Infants up to six months old must be restrained in an approved rearward facing infant restraint which cannot be fitted to a front seat (where the vehicle has two or more rows of seats).
- Children aged between six months and four years old must be seated in either an approved rearward or forward facing child restraint i.e. a safety seat with inbuilt harness, which cannot be fitted to a front seat (where the vehicle has two or more rows of seats).
- Children from the age of four to seven years must use either an approved rear-ward facing infant restraint or a forward-facing child safety seat with an inbuilt harness and cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle that has two or more rows of seats, unless all the other seats are occupied by children who are also under 7 years.
- Children 7 years and over are required to be restrained in an approved child restraint (child safety seat or booster seat depending on their size) or a properly fitted and adjusted seatbelt.



Don't use the wrong restraints

Children need different restraints as their **bodies grow**. The restraint that you use for your child must be suitable for their **weight** and **the size of your child**.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS BEGINS WITH YOU!



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS IN 2 WEEKS!

**School Photos will be taken at our school on
Tuesday, 12th September**

**Please ensure your child is dressed in their full formal winter uniform,
including their woollen jumper.**

Please return all photo envelopes whether you are ordering school photos or not to the front office.

Here are some helpful points to help with your ordering:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request and need to be ordered before or on photography day. Please make your children aware they are having a family photo.
- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given. Otherwise logon to www.msp.com.au to pay via our easy online ordering system.

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Father Phillip Alstin

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Mrs Caterina Pileggi
Catechist

Ms Robyn Grave
Parish Secretary

Parish office hours

Wednesday 8:00am-12:15pm
Thursday 8:00am-12.15pm
Friday 8:00am-12.15pm

Weekend Mass times

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Mass times

Tuesday 9:30am
Wednesday 9:30am
Thursday 9:30am
Friday 9:30am

Confession times

Before and after Holy Mass.
Wednesday 6:30pm-7:15pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday -10:00am until
7:15pm including confessions
from 6:30pm-7:15pm
concluding with Benediction.

Anointing of the sick

First Friday of the month
after 9:30am Holy Mass.
This is followed by Holy
Communion to the sick and
housebound by the Priest.



Photo Insert: Stained glass window of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, located inside the St Maria Goretti chapel within St Anthony's church at Edwardstown, South Australia.

***Come to me, all who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. Matthew Chapter 11, Verse 28.***